

## DUMB ANIMAL

### (Part 1)

The young doctor snapped his pince-nez into a case, and said he would tell us a very youthful experience of his own. He was getting on now, he was thankful to say, quite well, had a satisfactory practice, but in the past his dislike - no his horror- of animals, especially dogs, had hindered him. There were a great many old ladies in the seaside town from which he was travelling (indeed, they were the chief source of local medical income there) and they all owned two or more dogs. Naturally, if they saw him wince at the advances of their pets, they classified him at once as an odd sort of man. It did not matter so much with cats, but every man should love dogs. Well, latterly he had contrived to stimulate a liking for them, and he hoped his lapses had been forgotten. But the horror, actually, still remained. It had been during his whole life a source of pain and injury to him, and was founded on a particular incident that had occurred in childhood.

**1- What-is the story the doctor was going to tell us about ?**

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**2- Summarize the text in one sentence.**

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**3- Translate your summary into French.**

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